

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the Application.

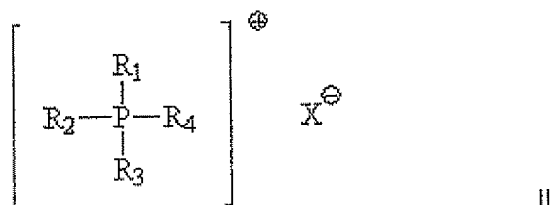
1. (Currently Amended) A polyacetal molding composition comprising
  - a) from 20 to 99% by weight of a polyacetal homo- or copolymer,
  - b) from 0.1 to 80% by weight of an additive, and
  - c) ~~up to 1.0%~~ from 0.00001 to 0.005% by weight of a catalyst which catalyzes a chemical reaction between the polyacetal matrix polymer and the surface of the additive, where the catalyst does not comprise the element boron and is not a Brönsted acid and wherein the catalyst is selected from the group consisting of ethyltriphenylphosphonium bromide, tetraphenylphosphonium bromide, tetrabutylphosphonium bromide, stearyltributylphosphonium bromide, triphenylphosphane, n-butyl titanate, and their mixtures.
  
2. (Currently Amended) A long-fiber-reinforced polyacetal molding composition ~~as claimed in claim 1~~ comprising
  - a) from 20 to 90% by weight of a polyoxymethylene homo- or copolymer,
  - b) from 10 to 80% by weight of a reinforcing fiber,
  - c) from 0.00001 to 0.5% by weight of at least one catalyst which catalyzes a chemical reaction between the polyacetal homo- or copolymer and the surface of the reinforcing fiber and

wherein the catalyst does not comprise the element boron and is not a Brönsted acid and wherein the catalyst is selected from the group consisting of ethyltriphenylphosphonium bromide, tetraphenylphosphonium bromide, tetrabutylphosphonium bromide, stearyltributylphosphonium bromide, triphenylphosphane, n-butyl titanate, and their mixtures.

3. Cancelled
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6. Cancelled
7. (Previously Presented) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 6, wherein the impact modifier is selected from the group consisting of polyurethanes, two-phase mixtures of polybutadiene and styrene-acrylonitrile (ABS), modified polysiloxanes, silicone rubbers, graft copolymers of an elastomeric, single-phase core based on polydiene and a hard graft shell (core-shell structure), and mixtures of these components.
8. Cancelled.
9. (Original) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein the long-fiber-reinforced polyacetal molding composition is a glass-fiber bundle which has been sheathed with one or more layers of the polyacetalhomo- or copolymer, so that the fibers have been impregnated with the polyacetalhomo- or copolymer.
10. (Original) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 9, wherein the glass-

fiber bundle has been wetted by the polyacetal homo- or copolymer or by a blend of polyacetal homo- or copolymers and the impregnated glass-fiber bundle has been sheathed by another component, and the impregnated glass-fiber bundle and the other component have been bonded to one another at the surface.

11. (Currently Amended) A molded article obtainable via shaping of a polyacetal molding composition as claimed in ~~claim 1~~claim 2.
12. Cancelled.
13. Cancelled
14. Cancelled
15. (Currently Amended) ~~A polyacetal~~ The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 2, comprising
  - ~~a) from 20 to 99 % by weight of a polyacetal homo- or copolymer,~~
  - ~~b) from 0.1 to 80% by weight of an additive, and~~
  - ~~c) up to 1.0% by weight of a catalyst which catalyzes a chemical reaction between the polyacetal matrix polymer and the surface of the additive,~~~~where the catalyst does not comprise the element boron and is not a Brönsted acid and~~  
wherein the catalyst is phosphonium salts which are compounds of the formula II



where  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ , and  $R_4$  are identical or different, and are monovalent organic radicals,

$X$  is be a halogen atom, and/or an  $-OR$  or  $-R$  group, where  $R$  is alkyl or aryl.

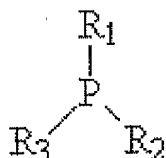
16. (Currently Amended) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein  ~~$R_1$  to  $R_4$~~   $R_1$  to  $R_4$  are identical or different and have from 2 to 10 carbon atoms and at least one of the radicals  $R_1$  to  $R_4$ , is an aryl radical.

17. (Currently Amended) ) A ~~polyacetal~~ The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 2, comprising

- ~~— a) — from 20 to 99 % by weight of a polyacetal homo- or copolymer,~~
- ~~— b) — from 0.1 to 80% by weight of an additive, and~~
- ~~— c) — up to 1.0% by weight of a catalyst which catalyzes a chemical reaction between the polyacetal matrix polymer and the surface of the additive,~~

~~— where the catalyst does not comprise the element boron and is not a Brönsted acid and~~

wherein the catalyst is phosphanes of the formula IIa



IIa

where the radicals  $R_1$  to  $R_3$  are identical or different, and are monovalent organic radicals.

18. (New) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein said catalyst is present in an amount from 0.0005 to 0.03% by weight, based on the total weight of the molding composition.
19. (New) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein said catalyst is present in an amount from 0.0007 to 0.01% by weight, based on the total weight of the molding composition.
20. (New) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein said catalyst is present in an amount from 0.0007 to 0.005% by weight, based on the total weight of the molding composition.
21. (New) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein said catalyst is present in an amount from 0.0005 to 0.03% by weight, based on the total weight of the molding composition.
22. (New) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein said catalyst is present in an amount from 0.0007 to 0.01% by weight, based on the total weight of the molding composition.
23. (New) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein said catalyst is present in an amount from 0.0007 to 0.005% by weight, based on the total weight of the molding composition.
24. (New) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 17, wherein said catalyst is present in an amount from 0.0005 to 0.03% by weight, based on the total weight of the molding composition.

25. (New) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 17, wherein said catalyst is present in an amount from 0.0007 to 0.01% by weight, based on the total weight of the molding composition.
26. (New) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 17, wherein said catalyst is present in an amount from 0.0007 to 0.005% by weight, based on the total weight of the molding composition.
27. (New) The polyacetal molding composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said catalyst is present in an amount from 0.0007 to 0.005% by weight, based on the total weight of the molding composition.